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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Kyle R. Stork

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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 August 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. This non-final office action is in response to the preliminary amendment filed 21 August 2006.
2. Claims 1-6 are pending. Claims 1 and 4 are independent claims.

Priority

3. Acknowledgment is made of applicant's claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d).

Information Disclosure Statement

4. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 12 December 2005 is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

Drawings

5. The examiner accepts the drawings filed 12 December 2005.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

6. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

7. Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Lu (US 2003/0206203, printed 6 November 2003).

As per independent claim 1, Lu discloses an editing device for executing an editing process based on a list specifying edit details and registering an obtained edit result in an external device, comprising:

Processing means for performing a prescribed process on edit material
(paragraph 0009: Here, the free form data is edited using the processing means)

Registration means for registering the editing result in the external device
(paragraph 0075: Here, each of the data notes are stored within a data file)

Control means for controlling the processing means and the registration means,
wherein:

The control means controls the processing means so as to perform the processes on only necessary parts out of the edit material and controls the registration means so as to register only a result of the process of the necessary parts in the external device as the editing material (paragraphs 0086-0089: Here, the control means routes the edit material to other users)

As per dependent claim 2, Lu discloses wherein the control means controls the processing means so as to perform the process on only necessary parts out of the edit material based on the list and controls the registration means so as to register only a result of the process of the necessary parts as the editing result in the external device when the list being created is reproduced according to external operation in a creation mode of the list (paragraphs 0086-0089: Here, the user edits are passed to the external collaborative editors).

As per dependent claim 3, Lu discloses wherein when a registration request of the editing result based on the list entered by external operation is given after the list is finished, the control means controls the processing means so as to perform the process has not been registered in the external device, out of the necessary parts out of the edit material, and controls the registration means so as to register a result of the process of the necessary parts in the external device as the editing results (paragraphs 0086-0089).

As per claims 4-6, the applicant discloses the limitations similar to those in claims 1-3. Claims 4-6 are similarly rejected.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kyle R. Stork whose telephone number is (571) 272-4130. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (8:00-4:30).

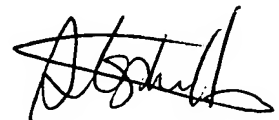
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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen Hong can be reached on (571) 272-4124. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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